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A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

Established A.D. 1841.

SCOTCH WHISKY.

- A—THORN'S BLEND White Capsule \$10.50
- B—WATSON'S GLENROTHY MELLOW BLEND, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark 10.80
- C—WATSON'S ADELOUR-GLENLIVET, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark 12.00
- D—WATSON'S H.K.D. BLEND OF THE FINEST SCOTCH MALT WHISKIES, Violet Capsule 14.40
- E—WATSON'S VERY OLD JAMES WATSON SCOTCH WHISKY, Gold Capsule 15.00
- THORN'S BLEND and WATSON'S GLENROTHY are high class Scotch Whiskies, of greater age than most brands in the market.
- ADELOUR GLENLIVET is a very old Pot Whisky (smoky) and could not now be replaced in stock at the price.
- D is well known for its fine flavour.
- E is of superb quality and pronounced by leading local connoisseurs to be the best brand in the Hongkong market.

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is represented by a couple of pairs of black boots. The total trade amounts to 718 piculs. In foreign countries 16,456 gallons of kerosene oil and 55,883 gross of matches are the principal items.

According to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN, the French Government has been warned with reference to the insults of the French Press towards the Queen. Annoying as the tone of the French Press towards Great Britain may be, and abundant as may be the insults aimed at the Queen, the policy of making them the subject of an official protest to the French Government is of somewhat doubtful expediency. In France as in England liberty of the Press exists, and though unfortunately it too frequently degenerates into licence, it would be difficult for the Government, even if it wished, to put the muzzle on. Any demand to that effect would, moreover, create a precedent which might be appealed to under circumstances that might be found inconvenient. If the British Press became excited over what was considered some enormity in foreign politics and used strong language regarding persons in high places supposed to be responsible for the wrong, what would the British Government do or say if it was asked to make the newspapers moderate their tone? To say that the British Press would probably be in the right whereas the French Press is, so far as personal insults to the Queen are concerned, clearly in the wrong, is merely begging the question, as the two parties would probably entertain divergent views on that point. All things considered it would be better, we think, to officially ignore the Anglophobic vapourings of the French Press. There can, however, be no mistaking what the Press references indicate. In France—the unreasoning and unreasonable hostility to Great Britain is approaching white heat and unless some change comes over the temper of the nation it can hardly fail to lead to acts that will cause a rupture of friendly relations. When great nations go to war it is not because of this or that trumpery dispute that may be put forward as the nominal cause, but because one or the other is determined to provoke a trial of strength. France appears to be approaching that point with regard to England. If she reaches it she will lose her colonies. In the meantime, the warning made public by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN will be more calculated to fan the flame than to quench it.

The programme of Madame Kourav's performance to be given on Monday evening will be found on a separate sheet issued with today's Daily Press.

A telegram from London has been received by the Superintendent of the P. & O. Company informing him that Mr. Frederick Dallas Barnes, Managing Director of the P. & O. Company in London, expired quite suddenly on Thursday morning. Mr. Dallas Barnes was the agent of the Company at Shanghai about twenty-five years ago.

The Victoria Recreation Football team constituted as follows: will play the H. Co. Royal Wagon Pastors at the Happy Valley this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The following are the players: Goal, G. Connolly; forwards, B. Smith and C. H. P. Hey; backs, S. L. Jenkins, C. T. Kow, and W. H. Howard; half-backs, A. R. Lowe, H. E. Green, J. D. Danby, H. C. R. Hancock, and J. F. Noble, forwards.

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TELEGRAMS

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE

LONDON, 30th November.

THE MODDER RIVER BATTLE

THE CASUALTIES

The Boers outmarched the British by one thousand in the Modder River Battle. Colonel Northcott and two other officers were killed and nineteen others were wounded. Lord Methuen was slightly wounded.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

FRANCE WARNED

Mr. Chamberlain in an official speech said an understanding with the United States was the best guarantee of peace. Germany's interests were identical with ours. France had been warned respecting the insults of the French Press to the Queen.

REUTERS SERVICE

LONDON, 29th November.

THE WAR

THE RELIEF OF KIMBERLEY

ANOTHER BRITISH VICTORY

General Buller telegraphs that General Methuen has defeated the whole of the Boer force at the Modder River. The Boers are disappearing from the vicinity of Kimberley and moving Southward.

CAPE COLONY

General Gatacre has occupied Bushmansdorp.

THE MODDER RIVER VICTORY

General Methuen attacked the enemy on the 28th inst.

The Boers, 8,000 strong, were in a strongly entrenched position at the Modder River with two large guns and four Krupp in position. After desperate fighting for ten hours under a burning sun our men, who were without food or water, made the enemy quit the position.

General Methuen gives the highest praise to all engaged and designates the night as one of the hardest in the annals of the British Army.

The casualties have not yet been officially announced.

THE CASUALTIES AT BERMONT

An additional list of 4 officers killed and 22 wounded (including Captain Percival of the Northampton) and 46 men killed and 225 wounded.

"VOLUNTEER GAZETTE" SERVICE

LONDON, 29th November.

THE BATTLE AT MODDER RIVER

General Methuen had no means of out-flanking the Boers at Modder River, as the river was full.

The action commenced at 5.30 a.m. with artillery, mounted infantry, and cavalry. The Boers on the right and the Ninth Brigade on the left.

The general attack commenced at 6.30 in a widely extended formation, the artillery supporting.

General Buller succeeded in getting a small party across the river.

General Methuen especially mentions the service of the Artillery.

SUCCESSFUL SORTIE FROM KIMBERLEY

A despatch from Pretoria says that the garrison of Kimberley made a sortie on the 28th inst. with artillery and infantry. 9 Boers were killed, 17 wounded, and some missing.

ST. ANDREW'S BALL

UNVEILING OF HER MAJESTY'S PORTRAIT. The annual Ball promoted by the St. Andrew's Society of Hongkong, which took place in the City Hall on Thursday evening, was generally admitted to have been one of the most enjoyable of recent years.

Additional interest was imparted to it by the presence of H. H. R. Prince Henry of Prussia and the unveiling of the portrait of Her Majesty the Queen presented to the colony by Sir Thomas Jackson, and which adorns the walls of St. George's Hall.

The whole of the City Hall hall was requisitioned. Supper was served in the Theatre, the Library was turned into a card room, and dancing took place in the two large rooms. The evening was a most successful one, and there was a grand time of it.

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THE HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

Mr. J. Y. Vernon, in his weekly share report dated last December says—

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THE SHANGHAI COTTON INDUSTRY

Messrs. Noel Murray & Co., in their piece goods trade report dated Shanghai, 25th November, say—

